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Fairlee Manor Camp House
("Fare Lee", Handy Farm)
22242 Bay Shore Road
Georgetown
Private

c. 1825-40

Fairlee Manor is composed of a two-story, three-bay-long brick structure with a 1 1/2-story brick wing and a 1 1/2-story, 3-bay-long plank wing on each side in decreasing height and width, creating, in effect, a telescopic house from each end. Those sections on the southwest end of the building date to the second quarter of the 19th century, c. 1825-1840, while the matching sections to the northeast were added in the 1930s. The three center parts are of brick laid in common bond, the central part has a molded cove watertable, fanlight above the central double door, and flat arches above each of the other apertures. All windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters. A brick chimney is located within each outer gable of each of the five parts. One flat-headed dormer extends from the ridge of the gable roof on both sides of each wing. An unusual method was employed in the construction of the plank wings. Instead of fitting end into, or over, end of log in the corners, the builders used a large corner post into which the individual planks were mortised and tenoned. Along the long walls are interior posts pegged into the planks approximately four feet apart. The end-into-end method of construction is to be seen in a building on Carter's Paper Mill property, begun about 1820 along the little Elk Creek, Cecil County. The interior post feature can be seen on the log cabin at Sotterley in St. Mary's County, though the posts are placed on the outside of the walls.

The old house on Fairlee Manor Camp is an early-19th century dwelling composed of five symmetrical parts. It is unusual for its use of equally placed flanking dependencies, which are of late-19th century period. The major part of the house appears to have been constructed during the period 1825-40. The owners of the land at that time were William Blakistone Wilmer and his wife Mary Anne (nee Taylor). Mrs. Wilmer received the land from her father, Philip Taylor. It then passed along the female line to Sarah and George D. S. Handy. Since 1880, the farm has seen ten owners, until 1953 when it was deeded to the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Delaware, Inc. The house is preserved through an adaptive use that makes an important contribution to helping the handicapped.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

Maryland
COUNTY:
Kent
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON:			
Fairlee Manor Camp House			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
"Fare Lee" or Handy Farm			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
1/2 mile north of Maryland Route 445, 1 1/2 miles east of Fairlee, Md.			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
Fairlee		First	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	24	Kent	029

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Summer camp for crippled children.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Institution			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME:			
Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children & Adults of Delaware, Inc.			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
2705 Baynard Boulevard			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE
Wilmington		Delaware	10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
Kent County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Courthouse Square			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE	CODE
Chestertown		Maryland	24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks.			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
Maryland Historical Trust			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
2525 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE
Annapolis		Maryland	24

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fairlee Manor is composed of a two-story, three-bay-long brick structure with a one-and-a-half story brick wing and a one-and-a-half story, three-bay-long plank wing on each side in decreasing height and width, creating in effect, a telescopic house from each end.

The three center parts are of brick laid in common bond, the central part has a molded cove water table, fanlight above the central double door, and flat arches above each of the other apertures. All windows have six over six sash and louvered shutters. A brick chimney is located within each outer gable of each of the five parts. One flat headed dormer extends from the ridge of the "A" roof on both sides of each wing.

An unusual method was employed in the construction of the plank wings. Instead of fitting end into, or over, end of log in the corners, the builders used a large corner post into which the individual planks were mortised and tenoned. Along the long walls are interior posts pegged into the planks approximately four feet apart. The end-into-end method of construction is to be seen in a building on Carter's Paper Mill property, begun about 1820 along the little Elk Creek, Cecil County. The interior post feature can be seen on the log cabin at Sotterley in St. Mary's County, though the posts are placed on the outside of the walls.

Some original woodwork remains in the house, although the interior has been altered by recent owners. In the central portion, windows and doors have bold molded trim, with corner blocks; and mantels with colonettes in vogue in the late 1820's and 1830's.

Raised paneling in the west, brick wing, of a style used in the eighteenth century was probably installed by a recent owner.

The interiors of the plank wings have exposed hewn beams and posts. Recent brick floors are used in each of the four wings. The East log wing was brought onto the site within the last fifty years according to local tradition.

Flanking the dwelling and set forward from the north facade are a pair of late nineteenth-century dependencies, used in 1971 as a pumphouse and a garage. They are square, board and batten structures with tall pyramidal roofs with cupolas. Beneath the edge of the main roof is a series of "ginger bread" scollops held by the ends of the rafters. The cupola has a square louvered portion with a pyramidal roof and pinnacle. Within the cornice is a series of holes for a bird house.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The old house on Fairlee Manor Camp is an early nineteenth, century dwelling composed of five symmetrical parts. It is unusual for its use of equally placed flanking dependencies, which are of late nineteenth-century period.

Fairlee Manor Camp is a part of a 1900 acre tract of land called "Fare Lee" laid out in 1674 for "James Brown, merchant formerly of New England."

The present house stands on a 263 acre farm which is used as a summer camp for the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Delaware. It was donated to the Society by Mrs. Louisa d'A. Carpenter, its previous occupant in 1953.

The major part of the house appears to have been constructed during the period 1825-40. The owners of the land at that time were William Blakistone Wilmer and his wife Mary Anne (nee Taylor). Mrs. Wilmer received the land from her father, Philip Taylor. It then passed along the female line to Sarah and George D. S. Handy. Since 1880, the farm has seen ten owners, until 1953 when it was deeded to the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Delaware, Inc. The house is preserved through an adaptive use that makes an important contribution to helping the handicapped.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kent County Wills and Land Records, Kent County Courthouse,
Chestertown, Kent County and Hall of Records, St. John's Campus,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Hanson, George A. Old Kent, Regional Publishing Co.,
Baltimore, 1967, (original 1876).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39° 14' 33"	76° 12' 12"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne, Field Surveyor		DATE Nov. 9, 1972
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust		
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland	CODE 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer
for Maryland

Date November 13, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

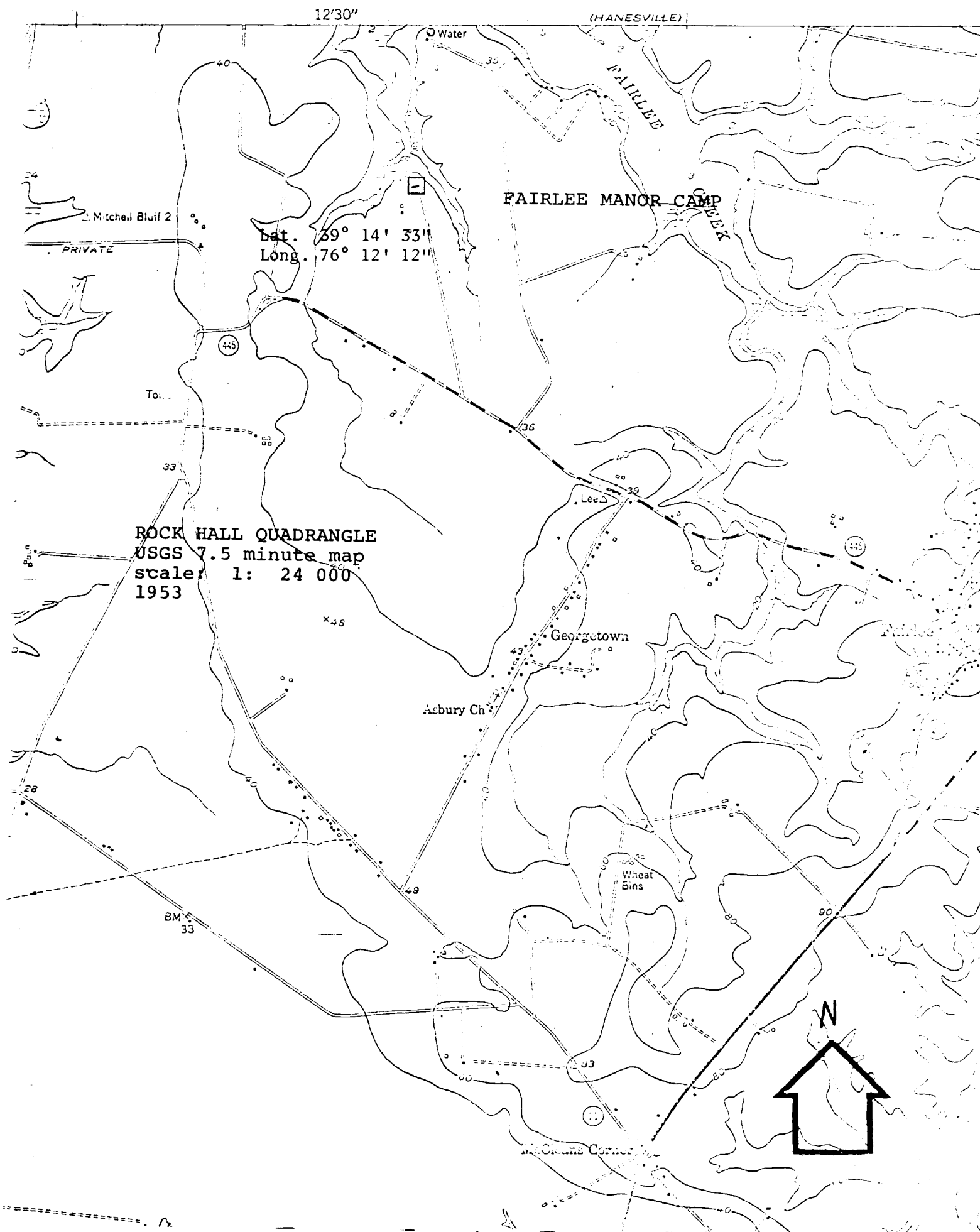
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Kent	
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AND/OR HISTORIC: "Fare Lee" or Handy Farm			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1/2 mile north of Maryland Route 445, 1 1/2 miles east of Fairlee, Maryland			
CITY OR TOWN: Fairlee			
STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Kent	CODE 029
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map Rock Hall, Maryland, Quadrangle			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1953			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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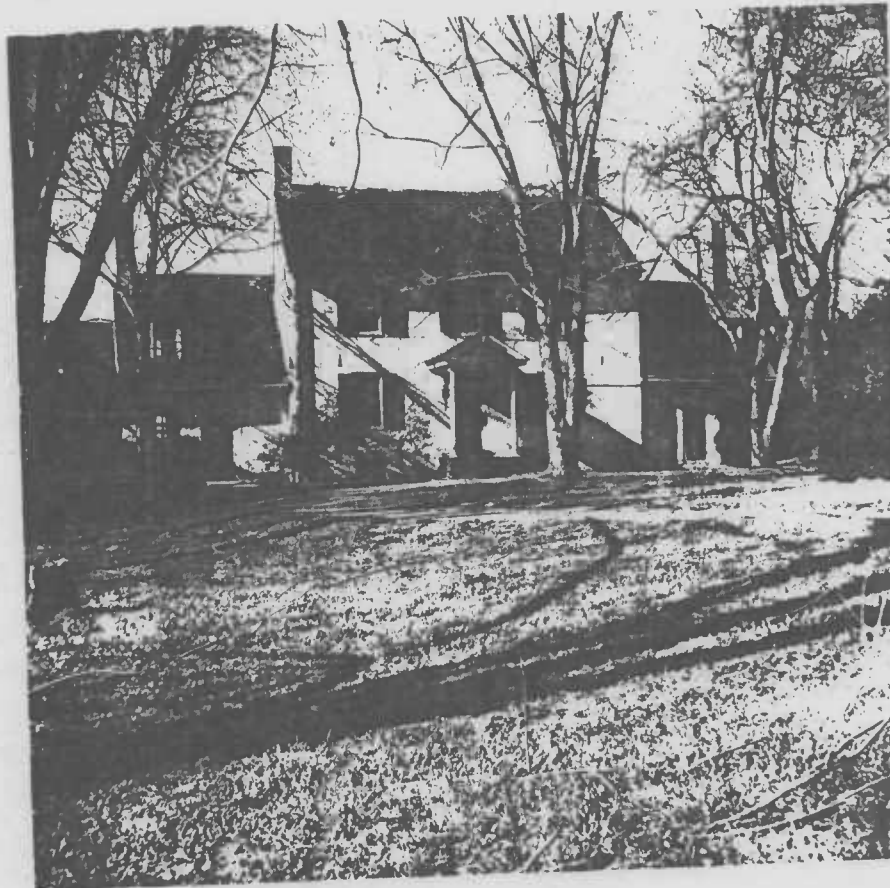
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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COUNTY	K-105
Kent	
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STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Kent	CODE 029
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Michael Bourne			
DATE OF PHOTO: March 1971			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maryland Historical Trust 2525 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. South elevation			



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Account Identifier: District - 06 Account Number - 004288

Owner Information

Owner Name: ESSD-M, INC
ATTN BUSINESS OFFICE
Use: AGRICULTURAL
Principal Residence: NO
Mailing Address: 61 CORPORATE CIR
NEW CASTLE DE 19720-2439
Deed Reference: 1) MLM/ 163/ 514
2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
22242 BAY SHORE ROAD
CHESTERTOWN 21620

Legal Description
146.64 AC
22242 BAY SHORE ROAD
W OF CHESTERTOWN

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No: Plat Ref:
35	2D	2						80	
Special Tax Areas			Town Ad Valorem Tax Class						
Primary Structure Built 0000			Enclosed Area		Property Land Area 146.64 AC			County Use	
Stories			Basement		Type			Exterior	

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2004	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004	PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
Land:	45,820	45,820			
Improvements:	0	0			
Total:	45,820	45,820	45,820	45,820	
Preferential Land:	45,820	45,820	45,820	45,820	

Transfer Information

Seller: EASTER SEAL SOCIETY OF DEL-MAR, INC
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH
Date: 01/19/1999
Deed1: MLM/ 163/ 514
Price: \$0
Deed2:
Seller:
Type:
Date:
Deed1:
Price:
Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:
AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX

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ATTN BUSINESS OFFICE
Use: EXEMPT COMMERCIAL
Mailing Address: 61 CORPORATE CIR
NEW CASTLE DE 19720-2439
Principal Residence: NO
Deed Reference: 1) MLM/ 163/ 514
2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
BAY SHORE ROAD

Legal Description
100 AC.
N/S BAY SHORE RD.
W OF FAIRLEE

WATERFRONT

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No: Plat Ref:
35	2D	2						80	

Special Tax Areas
Town Ad Valorem Tax Class

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1825	9,828 SF	100.00 AC	
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2004	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	540,000	688,000		
Improvements:	916,800	706,500		
Total:	1,456,800	1,394,500	1,456,800	1,394,500
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

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Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

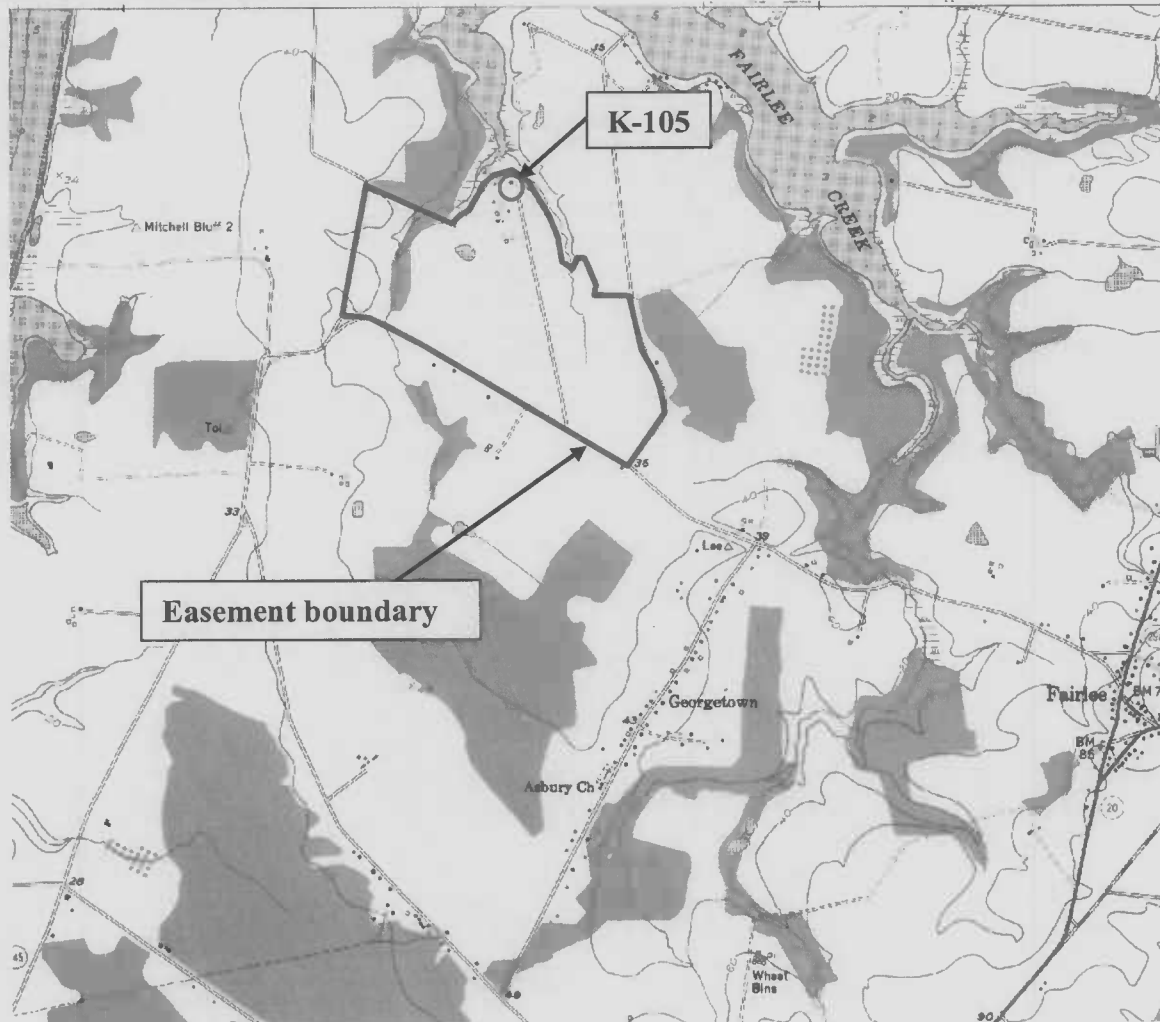
Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: COUNTY AND STATE
Exempt Class: OTHER CAMPS

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

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Fairlee Manor Camp
(Fare Lee, Handy Farm)
22242 Bay Shore Road, Chestertown
Rock Hall Quadrangle





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Fairlee Manor Camp

Michael O. Bourne

April 1971

THE UNIVERSITY OF
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20064



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